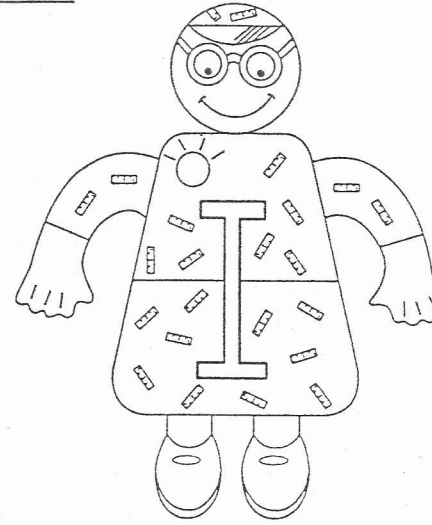


Family Letter

I



Dear Family,

Let me introduce myself! I'm Mr. I. I'm covered with inches. I call them "impossible inches" because they don't want to measure together. Each inch wants to measure all by itself.

One good thing about my impossible inches, though, is that they help me remember my special sound. A good way for you and your child to remember my sound is to say "i-i-i-impossible i-i-i-inches."

- ✓ When inches do get together, they can measure a lot of things—including your child's height! Try to find a place in your home where you can put up a strip of paper several inches longer than your child is tall. Measure your child against this paper and mark her/his height. Use a ruler or a tape measure to find out how many inches tall your child is, and write that number next to the mark. Write the date as well. Every few months, measure your child again and place a new mark. This way, you and your child will have a record of his/her growth. (If you have more than one child, you might do this for each one. In that case, write the child's initials next to the mark.)
- ✓ When someone in your home uses a word that starts with my special sound, call it to your child's attention. (Remember, that's the sound of i in impossible and inches. Some words start with my letter, but with a different sound.) Encourage your student to Prove the word: Say "i-i-i-incredible"!

Sincerely,

Mr. I